

CAPITOL LETTERS

"Helping Kids Grow Up Healthy in Safe Communities with Opportunity"



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Goodwill Mission to China a Success

From October 10th-25th, the Port of Bremerton sponsored a goodwill mission to Sichuan and Shandong Provinces in China, led by Lt. Governor Owen. The mission included port members, community and business leaders, and other elected officials.



The delegation met with leaders of business, government, economic development, and education in six different cities. The meetings included a dinner hosted by the vice-governor of Sichuan Province to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the Washington-Sichuan sister state relationship. They also met with the vice-governor of Shandong Province to sign a friendship agreement between the ports of Bremerton and Yantai, China.

"I am astounded by the opportunities that abound in China and the forward-thinking people we met. The window of opportunity to take advantage of both China and Washington's competitive advantages and similarities is now. This way, we can move forward with respect to our social and cultural differences and maximize each other's strengths and opportunities," says Lt. Governor Owen.



Economic Development Highlights

During the 2002 legislative interim, the Legislative Committee on Economic Development (LCED), chaired by Lt. Governor Owen, focused its efforts on Washington State's role in promoting international trade through a series of key meetings. The committee's goal was to increase international trade by establishing better communication and uniform trade objectives between various relevant entities. These include state officials and departments, business and not-for-profit communities and foreign consulates. The highlights of the interim meetings were:

- Increasing policymakers' involvement in promoting Washington's agricultural industry in a globally competitive environment
- Enhancing Washington's international protocol efforts by meeting with both honorary and career consulates with jurisdiction in the state. This included formal meetings in San Francisco with consulates that do not have representation in our state, and an historic meeting with 28 members of Washington's foreign consular association (see page 3)
- Expanding the state's international stature with the announcement that Honduras, Nicaragua and the Philippines intend to establish honorary consulates in Washington
- Facilitating increased trade and relations between Washington and the Chinese provinces of Sichuan and Shandong provinces following the goodwill mission to China (see story above), including fish exports to Yantai, China and educational exchanges

RECENT ACTIVITIES

"Fortunately for us and our world, youth is not easily discouraged. Youth with its clear vista and boundless faith and optimism is uninhibited by the thousands of considerations that always bedevil man in his progress. The hopes of the world rest on the flexibility, vigor, capacity for new thought, the fresh out look of the young."

-Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1946



A group of exchange students from Nankai Middle School in Chongqing, China were visiting Washington State on an educational exchange and stopped in to meet the Lt. Governor and discuss his position's role in Washington State government. During a typical year, dozens of such groups find their way to the state capitol to see state government in action and meet with elected officials.

Members of the LCED formed an official delegation to visit the Foreign Consul General offices in San Francisco this past September. The delegation's purpose was to build stronger international partnerships with consular offices that are not represented in Washington State. Here they are pictured with Consul General Menez and Deputy Consul Malaya of the Philippines.



The Spirit of Wenatchee Project Committee accepting an official letter of support from government and business leaders in Misawa, Japan accompanied by a \$30,000 donation. The money will go toward a fund being used to recreate the Miss Veedol, the first airplane that flew across the Pacific Ocean in 1931, and will duplicate its journey after completion in late 2003. The plane flew from Misawa, Japan to Wenatchee, Washington and was co-piloted by Wenatchee native Clyde Pangborn and his partner Hugh Herndon.

The Lt. Governor and a delegation from the Port of Bremerton meeting with the Secretary General of the Beijing Organizing Committee for the games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing. China plans to spend billions of dollars in preparation for the Olympic games. Opportunities abound for construction and English classes in preparation for the 2008 Olympics.



Meet a Staff Member: **Antonio Sanchez**



Antonio Sanchez joined the office as Senior Analyst and Coordinator of Economic Development and International Relations in August 2002. Dr. Sanchez brings 17 years of experience in the Washington State Legislature as a senior research analyst and a Ph.D. from the University of Washington. He has an extensive background in international relations and protocol and economic development. He has received local and international recognition for his work documenting and promoting the history and heritage of the Hispanic community in Washington State. He hopes to contribute his language and international protocol skills to help develop the Lieutenant Governor's new international relations strategy. Dr. Sanchez lives with his wife and daughter in Des Moines Washington.

OFFICE PROJECTS

Focus on a Community Member

Thurston County Big Brothers & Big Sisters
past president, Steve Boone

Steve Boone and others spent years getting the Boys and Girls Club of Thurston County started. The club, a local chapter of the national organization, opened in October 2001 at Tumwater High school. It serves 600 members overall and 100 young people on a daily basis.

"The focus of the club is building good students and good citizens in a safe environment," says Boone of the program. Every day the kids from ages 8 to 14 spend a "power hour" doing their homework, and the rest of the time on constructive activities like sports or arts projects.

Through his role as past president, board member and co-founder of the club, Steve has made tremendous contributions to Thurston County. More clubs are scheduled to open in Yelm, Olympia, Tumwater, Lacey and the Tenino/Rochester/Littlerock area.

Historic Gathering of Foreign Consuls before the Legislative Committee on Economic Development



On November 8th, 2002 the Legislative Committee on Economic Development (LCED) held an official meeting at Pier 69 building in downtown Seattle. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with foreign consuls and trade delegates representing over 28 different countries with offices in Washington State. Of the 35 offices belonging to the Consular Association in the state, 28 consular representatives attended the meeting at the Port of Seattle. The presenters described the basic functions, perspectives and interests of the countries they represented to the committee. They also presented ideas on how the LCED and the state of Washington can work and collaborate with the consular offices in the region.

Governor Locke declares January 2003 Mentoring Month



January 2003 is National Mentoring Month and Governor Gary Locke has also declared it Mentoring Month in the State of Washington. There are more than 3 million young people in the United States who need mentors. Find out more about mentoring and how you can support it by visiting www.mentor.org or by calling 1-800-888-5652.

Drug Prevention Resources

Produced by Northwest HIDTA & the Office of Lt. Governor Owen



The Drug Resource Guide

Your guide to quick facts and resources on methamphetamine, Ecstasy, GHB & Marijuana

Say it Straight: Marijuana, Myth vs. Reality brochure

available online: <http://www.mfiles.org/marijuana/index.html>

These resources and more available by calling the Washington State Alcohol and Drug Clearinghouse at 1-800-662-9111 or the Office of Lt. Governor Owen at (360)786-7700

"There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience." - **French proverb**